



SEPA THRESHOLD MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (MDNS)

PROJECT INFORMATION

DATE OF ISSUANCE: **November 21, 2007**
APPLICANT: **City of Shoreline**
LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: The project is located in Shoreline, Washington along Aurora Avenue N (State Route 99) beginning at N 165th Street and extending to N 205th Street.
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: Capital improvements will be constructed along this 2.0 mile portion of Aurora Avenue N generally creating a 110-foot wide roadway from back-of-sidewalk to back-of-sidewalk. Improvements will include: a Business Access & Transit (BAT) lane and two general-purpose lanes in each direction with sidewalk, curb, gutter, and amenity zone; landscaped center median with left and U-turn pockets; intersection improvements with marked pedestrian crossings at signalized intersections and new signals at N 182nd Street and Firlands Way N/N 196th Street; improvements to Echo Lake Place (north of N 195th Street); new street and sidewalk lighting; underground utilities; and improved stormwater facilities.
COMMENT DEADLINE: **5:00 p.m. December 12, 2007**

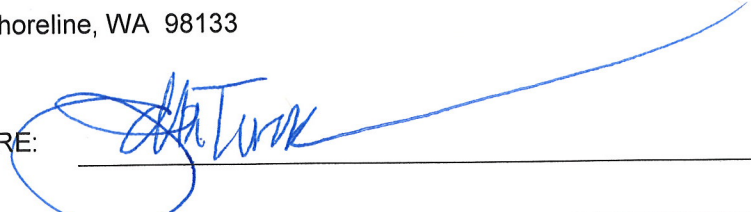
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This Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS) is issued in accordance with WAC 197- 11-350. The City of Shoreline has determined that the proposal as conditioned will not have a probable significant adverse impact(s) on the environment and that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the submitted SEPA Environmental Checklist, general plans, the City of Shoreline Transportation Master Plan, the City of Shoreline Surface Water Master Plan, the City of Shoreline Comprehensive Plan, and the City of Shoreline Capital Improvement Projects Plan on file at the City of Shoreline. This information is available for public review upon request at no charge.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-350; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 21 days from the date of issuance above.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Joseph W. Tovar

ADDRESS: 17544 Midvale Avenue North, Shoreline, WA 98133

DATE: November 21, 2007 SIGNATURE: 

PUBLIC COMMENT AND APPEAL INFORMATION

The City is accepting public comment until December 12, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Please mail, fax (206-546-8761) or deliver comments to City of Shoreline, Attn: Joseph W. Tovar, 17544 Midvale Avenue North, Shoreline, WA 98133 or emailed to jtovar@ci.shoreline.wa.us. There is no administrative appeal of this determination.

The project file is available for review at the City Hall Annex, 1110 N. 175th Street Suite #107. For specific project questions, please contact Kris Overleese, Capital Improvement Project Manager, City of Shoreline Public Works at 206-546-0791.

The DNS, SEPA checklist, and all supporting documents are also available for review on the City's website at www.cityofshoreline.com, at both Shoreline libraries and at both Neighborhood Police Centers.



**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA)
MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE**

DATE OF ISSUANCE: November 21, 2007
PROJECT NAME: Aurora Corridor Improvement Project
N 165th Street to N 205th Street
APPLICANT: City of Shoreline
LOCATION OF PROJECT: Shoreline, Washington. *See Attachment A*

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

Capital improvements are to be constructed along this 2.0 mile portion of Aurora Avenue N, generally creating a 110 foot wide roadway from back-of-sidewalk to back-of-sidewalk. Improvements will include: a Business Access and Transit (BAT) lane and two general purpose lanes in each direction, with sidewalk, curb, gutter, and amenity zone; landscaped center median with left and U-turn pockets; intersection improvements with marked pedestrian crossings at signalized intersections and new traffic signals at N 182nd Street and Firlands Way N/N 196th Street; improvements to Echo Lake Place (north of N 195th Street); new street and sidewalk lighting; underground utilities; and improved stormwater facilities. *See Attachment B, Project Description. See also Attachment C, Map of Proposed Project Improvements.*

SEPA THRESHOLD DETERMINATION

Pursuant to WAC 197-11-050, the City of Shoreline is the Lead Agency for purposes of SEPA compliance for this project. The undersigned, Joseph W. Tovar, the Director of the Department of Planning and Development Services, has been designated as the City's SEPA Responsible Official pursuant to WAC 197-11-910.

I have reviewed the SEPA checklist for the Aurora Corridor Improvement Project from N 165th Street to N 205th Street in the City of Shoreline submitted by City of Shoreline Capital Projects Manager Kristen M. Overleese dated November 11, 2007; the Local Agency Environmental Classification Summary for Federal Aid Project #STPUL-0099(062) for the same Aurora Corridor Improvement Project created on November 13, 2007 by the Washington State Department of Transportation pursuant to the requirements

of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and the NEPA Environmental Discipline Reports summarized and referenced in the preceding Summary, specifically,:

Air Quality Technical Memorandum. June, 2007
Cultural Resources Report. August, 2007.
Environmental Justice Discipline Report. October, 2007.
Geology Technical Memorandum. June, 2007.
Hazardous Materials Discipline Report. July, 2007.
Land Use Discipline Report. October, 2007.
Public Utilities and Services Report. July, 2007.
Noise Discipline Report. August, 2007.
Social, Economic, and Relocation Discipline Report. October, 2007.
Transportation Discipline Report. August, 2007.
Visual Quality Discipline Report. August, 2007.
Water Quality Discipline Report. August, 2007.
Wetlands and Other Waters of the United States Discipline Report. August, 2007.

I hereby adopt as supplemental SEPA information the above referenced NEPA documents. I have also reviewed the City of Shoreline Transportation Master Plan, the City of Shoreline Surface Water Master Plan, the City of Shoreline Comprehensive Plan, and the City of Shoreline Capital Improvement Projects Plan, all of which are on file at City Hall. I have also personally viewed, walked or driven the entire project site.

Based on my review of these documents, I conclude that the SEPA and NEPA documents fully disclose the likely environmental impacts of the proposed project and that, as conditioned with mitigating measures identified in the SEPA and NEPA documents, the proposed project will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. I hereby issue a SEPA Mitigated Threshold Determination of Non-significance (MDNS) for the Aurora Improvement Project and therefore will not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-350; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 21 days from the date of issuance noted above.

PUBLIC REVIEW, COMMENT AND APPEAL INFORMATION


This information shall be made available for public review upon request at no charge. The project file shall be available for review at the City Hall Annex, 1110 N 175th Street, Suite #107. Please direct specific questions about the project to Kris Overleese, Capital Project Manager, City of Shoreline Public Works Department at (206) 546-0791.

The MDNS, SEPA Checklist, and the NEPA documents referenced above shall also be made available for review on the City's website at www.cityofshoreline.com, at both Shoreline libraries and at both Neighborhood Police Centers.

The City will accept public comment on this MDNS until **5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2007**. There is no administrative appeal of this determination.

Comments may be delivered, mailed, or faxed to the SEPA Responsible Official addressed as follows:

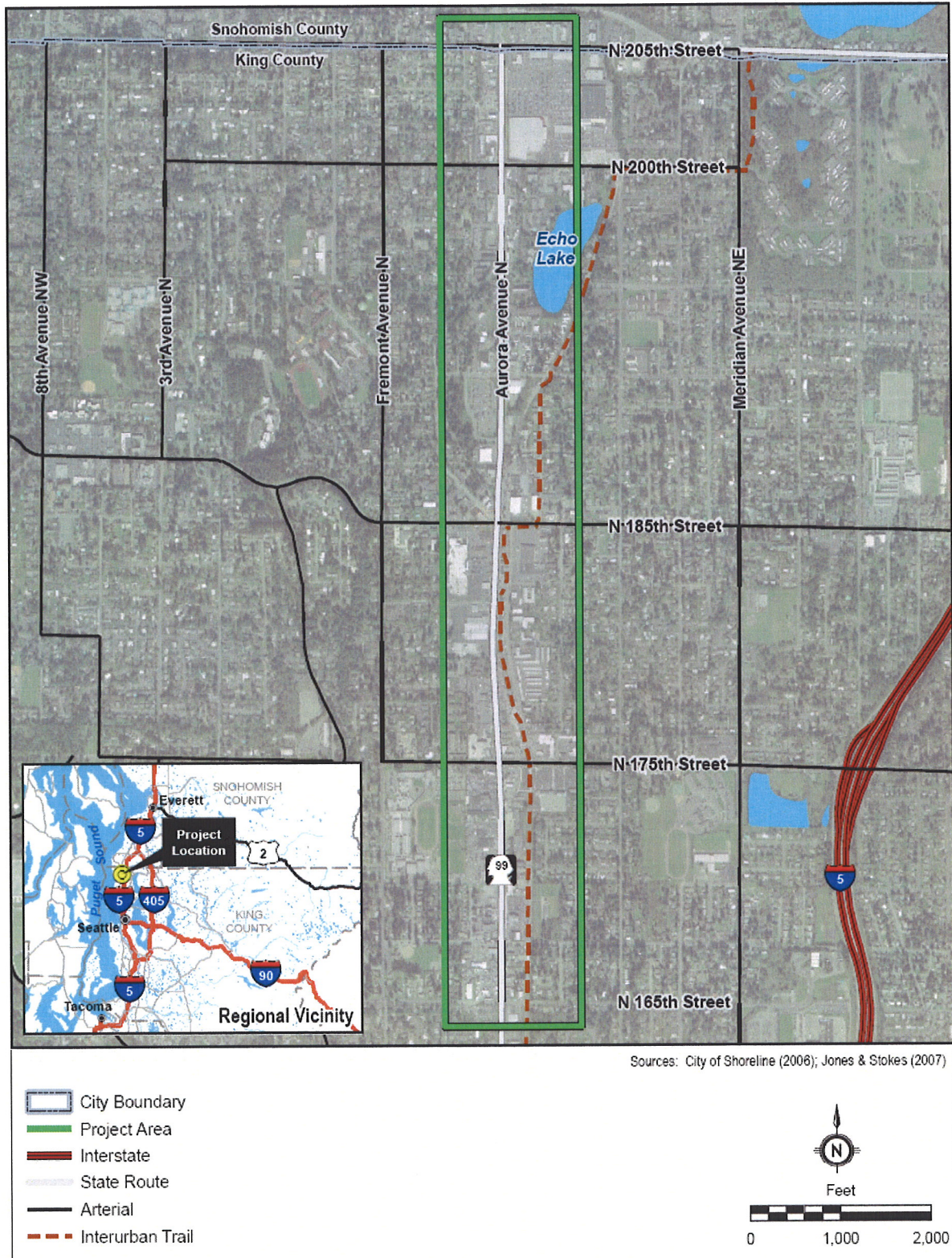
Joseph W. Tovar, SEPA Responsible Official
City of Shoreline
17544 Midvale Avenue North, Shoreline WA 98133
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Joseph W. Tovar, FAICP
SEPA Responsible Official
City of Shoreline

11/21st/07
Date

Attachment A – Project Location Map



Attachment B- Project Description

Aurora Avenue N is a major north/south urban highway that serves both local and regional traffic within the City of Shoreline. It is a key regional vehicular, transit, and truck corridor within the greater area of Puget Sound and serves as the City's primary arterial roadway, running approximately parallel to Interstate (I) 5 with connections at N 145th Street, N 175th Street, and N 205th Street. Development along the corridor is predominantly commercial, mixed with some multi-family housing. Echo Lake is located approximately 200 feet to the east of the roadway, north of N 192nd Street. The Interurban Trail runs roughly parallel to Aurora Avenue N between N 145th Street and N 192nd Street where it then veers to the east side of Echo Lake, east along 200th, and then north to the City limits. Aurora Avenue N has two general-purpose lanes in each direction and a center two-way-left-turn lane, with shoulder and sidewalk of varying width located sporadically along the corridor, no curb or gutter, and little landscaping.

Under existing conditions, average daily traffic on the roadway is 33,000 to 39,000 vehicles per day. A steady level of pedestrian and bicycle travel occurs along and across the roadway, but the corridor is heavily oriented to vehicle travel and is not conducive to non-motorized travel. The corridor is served heavily by public transit provided by King County Metro, with additional service at the north end of the corridor provided by Community Transit.

The Aurora Corridor Improvement Project, N 165th Street to N 205th Street, will include the following elements

- Business Access and Transit (BAT) lane in each direction;
- two general-purpose lanes in each direction;
- continuous 7-foot sidewalk, curb, and gutter on each side of the roadway;
- 4-foot amenity/utility zone between sidewalk and curb on each side of the roadway along most of the project length. The amenity/utility zone is reduced along approximately 5% (linear feet of zone) in order to avoid impacts to buildings and/or minimize impacts to parking spaces;
- 16-foot landscaped center median with left-turn and u-turn pockets;
- interconnected, coordinated signal system with transit signal priority;
- improvements to intersections, including proposed new traffic signals at the intersections of Aurora Avenue N with Firlands Way N/N 196th Street and N 182nd Street;
- marked pedestrian crossings at signalized intersections;
- improvements to Echo Lake Place, north of N 195th Street;
- new street and sidewalk lighting;

- undergrounding of utilities;
- stormwater facilities, including Low Impact Development (LID) elements in the median and/or amenity zone; and
- improvements on side streets to improve pedestrian connections and traffic transitions.

The total width of the roadway will be 110 feet (narrower where sidewalk or amenity zone width is reduced), from back-of-sidewalk to back-of-sidewalk.

Attachment C – Map of Proposed Project Improvements

